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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7221**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1606

**NOTE PREPARED:** Jan 13, 2007

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Sex Offender Administrative Fee.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Van Haaften

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**     **GENERAL**  
                              **DEDICATED**  
                              **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** Local

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill has the following provisions:

- A.     It requires a sex offender who is required to register to annually pay a \$50 fee to be deposited in the jail commissary fund.
- B.     It permits a sheriff to disburse money from the jail commissary fund to pay for expenses related to the: (1) registration of sex offenders; and (2) verification of sex offenders' addresses.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2007.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:**

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** This bill would permit sheriffs to, at their discretion, use money from the jail commissary fund for registering each sex offender and verifying each sex offender's current residence.

The Department of Correction received responses from eight local law enforcement agencies concerning a survey about the costs of registering and monitoring sex offenders. On average, each agency spent about \$52 for each registration visit.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:** This bill requires sex offenders to annually pay a \$50 fee to the sheriff for deposit into the jail commissary fund. The Department of Correction reports that on January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 8,191 persons were active registrants in the Sex Offender Registry. These 8,191 offenders have active obligations

to register and re-register with their sheriff's department either every 90 days or every year, depending on whether they are sexual predators. The added revenue from this bill would be \$409,550 if all offenders paid the \$50 fee.

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:** Local law enforcement agencies.

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